

Dayton State Park Master Planning First Public Meeting, June 21, 2006



Thankyou

Lyon County: Parks and recreation, Jannette Hoffert and Linda Wimberly, Lyon County GIS for all your help during the meeting and forever!

Thanks to Domenic Bravo, Cheryl Surface for assisting at the meeting!

Thanks to Dave Morrow and Allen Newberry for coming by to help out as well!

Summary:

21 people signed in. There were over 12 children who came and several young families! Shows our demographics are correct for Dayton! This is a good turnout for Dayton.

Comments from the Public Included:**Trails:**

1. More trails connected to dirt trails
2. Keep open space – minimize development
3. No off road vehicles, dirt roads OK
4. Build new trail systems only if there is a financial commitment by state and county. Include trails for everyone. Mt. bikes, horses, hiking and motorcycles. This is Nevada not California! The distance between Dayton St. Parka and other parks lead to great off road trials for motorcycles, bikes and horses.
5. Why not connect Dayton with the other parks you have suggested, and other areas like the old towns of Como Palmyra, Pine Grove, Ramsey and Tallapoosa, Hooten wells and beyond. These could, and in some cases are, by dirt roads through BLM lands, hiking trails and/or horse trails, and/or bicycle trails.
6. No more ATV, dirt bike or off road use is needed!
7. Where feasible, linkage to other parks and activities to encourage broader use and tourism, canoe/kayak/raft – river trail connection with Carson City.
8. BLM/etc. trails to connect to Churchill, Lahontan, and Washoe State Parks.

Upper Park Amphitheater:

1. Yes, to amphitheater and equestrian center, but use already cut out land
2. Depot casino will help with concessions and entertainment at amphitheater
3. Amphitheater for plays concerts, gathering, demonstrations, etc.
4. Work in conjunction with the Depot we are ready and willing and able to help with the project.
5. Amphitheater!
6. Love the idea of an amphitheater; promote use though school and other community based programs make the Park feel like a part of our community.
7. Increased focus on community use; education and day recreation (kinking , picnicking, boating); nature center and amphitheater to encourage local school uses,

Upper Park/mill site/trails/equestrian:

1. There should be regular camping just to have fun
2. Campsites don't have to be limited just near the river – expand to upper park
3. Playground for kids/family
4. Museums/nature exhibits
5. Expand environmental education opportunities in park and within state park system. Don't build if state and county is not willing to invest funds for staffing a and environmental education materials
6. Focus on day use activities; phase out camping if use trends continue to decrease to allow for more day use.
7. Insect control
8. Dog Park large enough for them to run.
9. Put guards around artifacts
10. Tour guides
11. Skate park XXXXXXXXXXXX
12. Basketball hoops
13. Playground/jungle gyms
14. Bike trails
15. Section off area in which are dangerous for kids falling
16. Motorized access ok, but not in congested areas.
17. Family events with games, pot luck, BBQ

18. Information kiosk for surrounding areas and trails leading to, Virginia City, Sutro, Washoe Lake, Carson City and Reno for Mt. Biking, hiking horses and motorcycle trails.
19. A museum explaining how the mill worked, history connection to Virginia City etc.
20. An explanation of the prehistory of the area including geology, etc.
21. More information about the Pony express trail and history, hiking trails
22. Annual Day use passes that would include all Lyon county parks would be appreciated.
23. Protection is necessary for continued enjoyment at mill site
24. Access to trails for Mt. Bikes, Hikers and motorcycles
25. The upper park could be used as entry gate to BLM trails etc.
26. Access to “back Country” or BLM
27. Trails to surrounding points of interest and beyond: Reno, Carson City, Virginia city, Washoe Lake.
28. Equestrian ideas from old plan are great!
29. Continue focus on historic values
30. Increase trail connection to BLM and other trails uses.
31. Education should include natural history, human history, conservation and preservation

Lower Park, River, Picnicking Day Use:

1. Put fencing around river but big enough for animals
2. Staff for the park to help people
3. Don’t develop in floodplain
4. A developed campsite with restrooms and activities
5. A dog park equipped with mess baggies
6. Manage invasive species
7. Entry and exit point for river rafting ECT.
8. No fencing – manage and direct people with paths and natural barriers
9. Create penalties for coyote traps that are illegal and hurt dogs along rural hikes on open land
10. Save trees along river ravaged by beavers
11. An idea would be like Rancho San Rafael in Reno
12. More urban park type uses! Playground, disc golf course, river access for rafts from Santa Maria ranch to ft. Churchill or beyond, from silver saddle?
13. A location for music venues like the July 4 concert in Mormon station
14. Museum here or at upper park
15. Skate park
16. Hiking trails
17. Horse trails
18. As use goes up security will become more of an issue. Increased staff is a must
19. The foot bridge over Cardelli ditch is a great idea
20. River info, history, recreational use
21. Rafting, tubing, fishing swimming
22. Limit fencing and other restricting structures.
23. Encourage use through paths and natural barriers (log, rocks, bushes etc.)
24. It’s going to flood again
25. River boating trail access
26. More land, bigger park.
27. Organized events, such as rafting community BBQ’s etc.
28. Beautiful Park. How do new people to the area know about it?
29. Explore river access to connect with Carson City – Kayak/canoe/raft trail from Carson City.
30. Maintain natural river processes (erosion/deposition, recruitment and maintenance for riparian vegetation)
This should include wildlife corridors and habitat/biological communities
31. Encourage use by schools for biology and ecology.
32. Expand picnicking facilities
33. Add natural history component (nature trail; possibly future nature center)
34. Nature trails should link significant natural and disturbed areas riparian and upland vegetation.

35. Maintain natural areas and buffers to support wildlife and riparian forest, and to protect the near-river biological community and corridor.

Lower Park Group Camp/Camping:

1. A second loop is a good idea as is the addition of a comfort station.
2. I think that RV camping takes up too much space for the amount the park actually has
3. Use the land for other day use ideas
4. Campsites also demand lot of maintenance \$\$\$\$
5. Please include trail use for everyone – don't limit the use to just a select few. Good management can effectively include all/mot interest and deep everyone safe and happy
6. Encourage cooperation between different groups.
7. RV hookups and dumps and each site.
8. RV dump station.
9. Give a lower priority to camping
10. Encourage private lands to develop camping facilities, provide access to park
11. The increasing urban nature will require greater buffer areas to maintain natural and ecological values.
12. Flooding is part of the character!
13. Do not increase camping.
14. Any vegetative buffer should be consistent with natural vegetation.

Other Comments Received outside of meeting via email etc...

1. Upgrade and create more pathways, widen, ride of roots to fall over, more places to sit down to rest. Project for scouts.
2. Create children's park Playhouse, water shower {inverted umbrella} for hot days during summer, safe equipment shaded place to listen to ranger talks, poetry, book readings., etc.
3. Create plays.
4. Halloween event at night-twilight.
5. Upgrade horseshoe court. Have someone demonstrate how to play well. Maybe a small tournament.
6. Flagpole at entrance with solar light. No need to lower flag daily.
7. Get light operational at entrance and across street.
8. Of course, development of amphitheatre. Electricity, lighting, place for storage and place for actors to change. Maybe a lectern for poetry, lectures, etc. Safe pathways with railing down to theater. Parking spaces.
9. Invite artisans to create play animals or sculpture with colorful mosaics. Could be grant for this project to pay for artist and materials.
10. Canvas windbreakers for Westside of pavilion. Grommets to hold on posts and roll down from structure.
11. Movies for the public once a month.
12. Much more publicity for events, postings at gates etc.
13. Protect cottonwoods from beavers and replant the cottonwood galleries for birds etc.

Three Questions were asked at the public meeting: 10 were filled out.

1. In looking to the future – from your personal perspective – what are the tree most important things that Dayton State Park provides or COULD provide to the public for outdoor recreation?
2. What is your most favorite thing about Dayton State Park?
3. What is your least favorite thing about Dayton State Park?

Future?	Amphitheater (2)
	Children's park/playground (3)
	More activities (2)
	More plantings to cover houses across the river
	Hand washing device so people can wash their hands/faces.
	A fenced off areas so it can separate people from the animals so the people can't disturb them
	An all purpose trail so people can explore the outdoors
	Need a Community garden, flowers berries, veg. fruit trees instead of a regular tree

	Family events with games, pot luck BBQ
	Access, hiking trails to the river for wildlife and plant viewing
	River corridor access, picnic tables, bike trails, jogging trails, exercise circuits (2)
	Retaining green belt for the community Aesthetic value
	More access to the river as either a put in or take out.
	More picnic areas (grassy) for day use.
	Museum
	Wildlife habitats, education
	Natural trails
	Restrooms
	Camping and picnic facilities
Favorite?	Picnic area and river
	The trees and fauna
	The wildlife and nature is relaxing
	Just being there to get away from the busy normal life
	Location, covered BBQ area
	Access to the river (2)
	Wildlife
Least Favorite?	Cost to park your car
	Uneven pathways
	The rules aren't being enforced
	Poor access to the river
	Fees for locals
	That it is empty almost all of the time.
	Cutting the wildlife/vegetation down for entertainment, Get entertainment from nature!
	Animals (squirrels)
	The State Park
	Not enough interpretation

The public was asked to fill out a Nevada State Park Visitor Survey for Dayton State Park to aid us in determining local demand and use. Only eight were filled out during the meeting, however, the current survey contract with NCC has only resulted in two surveys!

Summary of Results:

- Folks had visited Dayton State Park from 0 – 8 times in the past 12 months
- What other state parks had they visited in the last 12 months, of course some just checked the park and didn't say how many times as directed, but it gives us an idea of the distance folks travel and to which parks from the Dayton Area. Parks with no visitation are not listed.

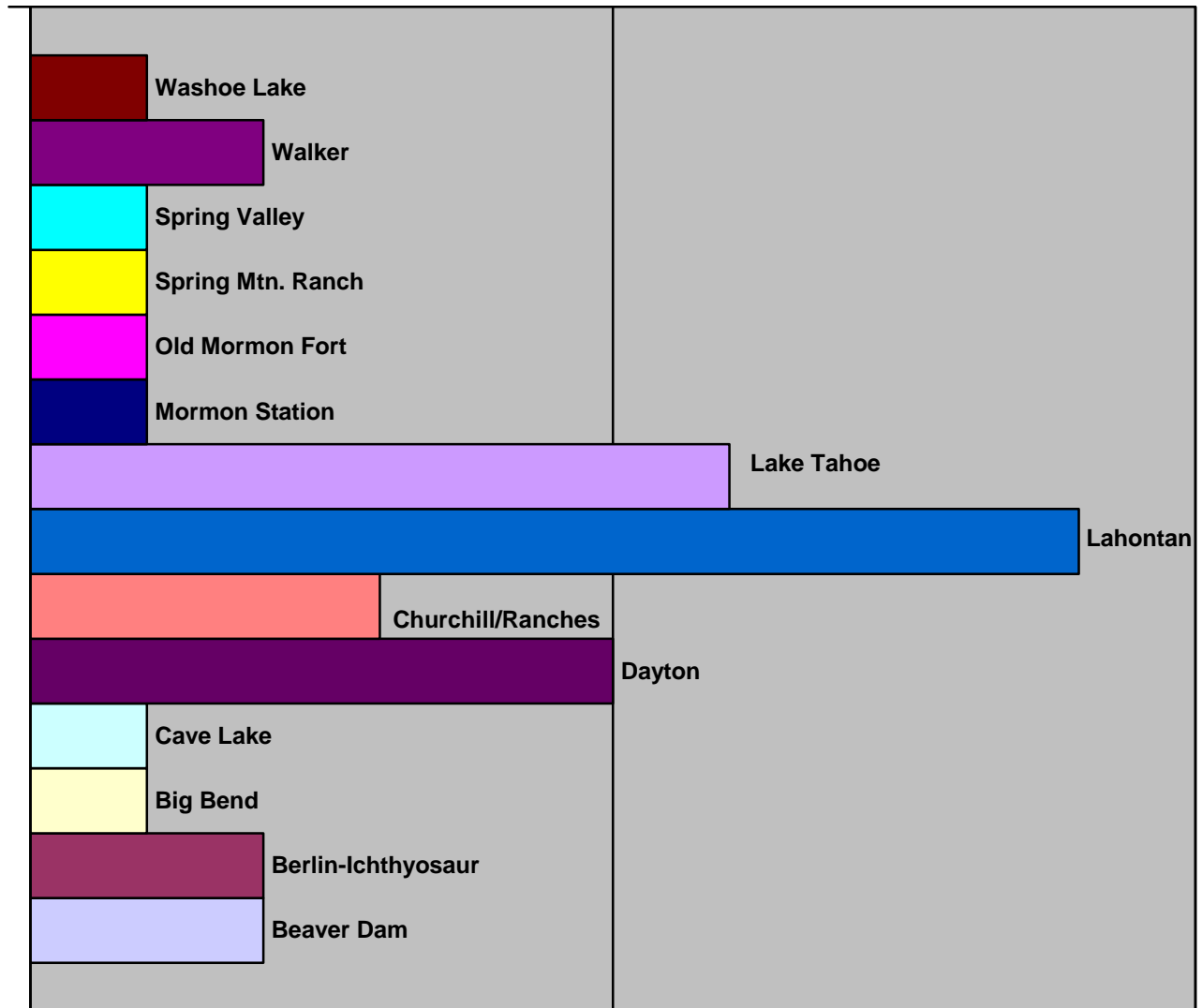
PARK NAME	
Beaver Dam	2
Berlin-Ichthyosaur	2
Big Bend	1
Cave Lake	1
Dayton	5
Ft. Churchill/Ranches	3
Lahontan	9
Lake Tahoe	6
Mormon Station	1
Old Mormon Fort	1
Spring Mtn. Ranch	1
Spring Valley	1
Walker	2
Washoe Lake	1

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Other State Parks Visited in past 12 months.

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Survey sample not statistically valid.



What activities did you participate while visiting this Park?

ATV riding	2
Backpacking	1
Bicycling	2
Canoe/raft/kayaking	2
Climbing	2
Drama/special events	1
Hiking	5
Historic sites/museums	1
Horseback riding	2
Ice fishing	1
Jogging	2
Lake fishing	3
Motorboating	2
Nature study	4
OHV driving	
Photography	4
Picnicking	3
Pleasure driving	1
Ranger talks/tours	
Relaxing outdoors	1
Sailing	1
Skin diving	2
Snowmobile riding	1
Stream fishing	2
Swimming	3
Tent camping	2
Vehicle camping	
Walking	3
Water skiing	1
Birding	1

Dayton State Park Actual Activities

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	Birding				
	Water skiing				
			Walking		
		Tent camping			
			Swimming		
		Stream fishing			
	Snowmobile riding				
		Skin diving			
	Sailing				
	Relaxing outdoors				
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		Climbing			
		Canoe/raft/kayaking			
		Bicycling			
	Backpacking				
		ATV riding			

What facilities did you use?

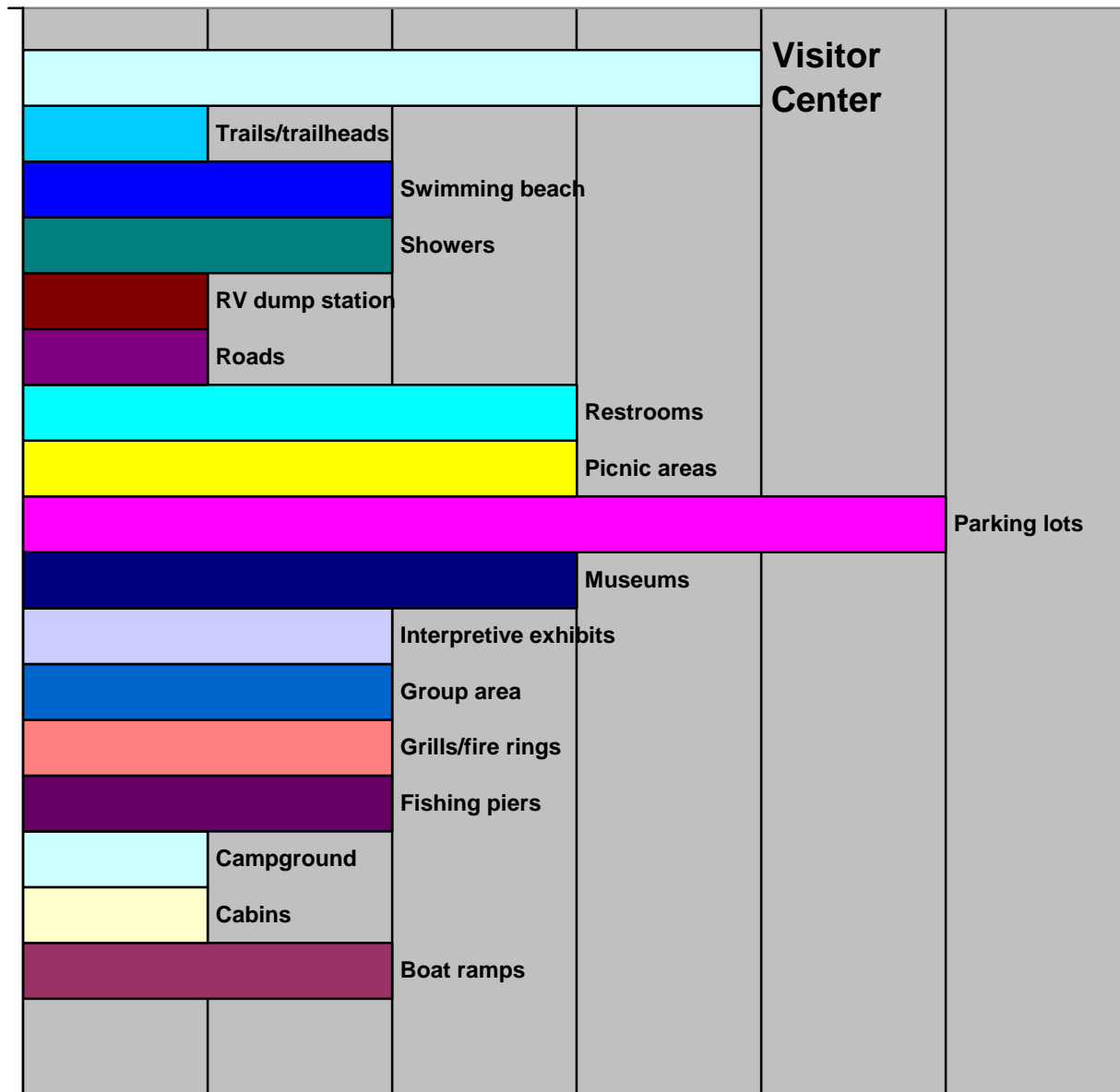
Amphitheater	2
Boat ramps	2
cabins	1

Campground	1
Fishing piers	2
Grills/fire rings	2
Group area	2
Interpretive exhibits	2
Museums	3
Parking lots	5
Picnic areas	3
Restrooms	3
Roads	1
RV dump station	1
Showers	2
Swimming beach	2
Trails/trailheads	1
Visitor Center	4

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What facilities did they use while there?

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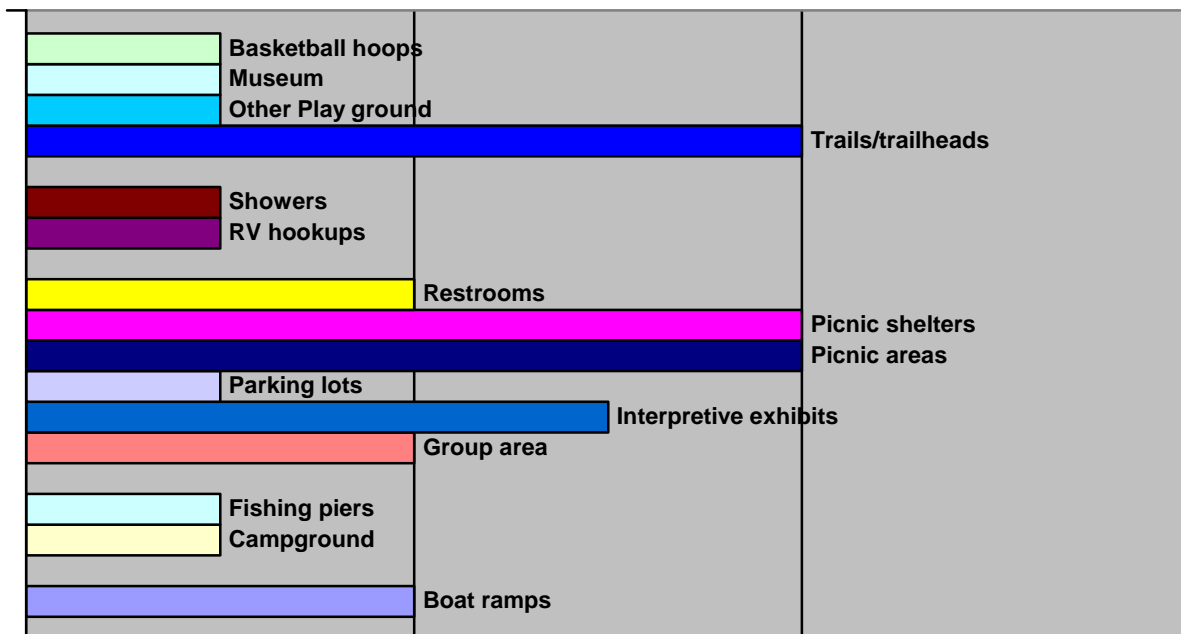


What types of facilities would you like this park to expand or increase?

Boat ramps	2
Cabins	
Campground	1

Fishing piers	1
Grills/fire rings	
Group area	2
Interpretive exhibits	3
Parking lots	1
Picnic areas	4
Picnic shelters	4
Restrooms	2
Roads	
RV hookups	1
Showers	1
Swimming beach	
Trails/trailheads	4
Other Play ground	1
Other Museum	1
Other Basketball hoops	1

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What Facilities Should the Park Expand or Increase?
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Other Comments Received:

From: Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2006 5:08 PM
To: Jennifer Scanland
Subject: RE: Dayton State Park master plan workshop

Sorry I will be unable to attend the June 21 workshop, but my wife and I have some ideas on improving the park. We moved to Dayton last January and have visited the park three times.

1. Eliminate the camping area. Like you mentioned in the Nevada Appeal article, it is too close to the noisy traffic on Hwy 50. Tourists camping there will only remember the problems they had sleeping next to the highway with the vehicle noise and an occasional siren.

2. Install a nice playground for kids. A good example can be seen in the northwest corner of the Sparks Marina.
3. Clarify where the trail is to the tunnel that goes under Hwy 50 by adding some more signage. My wife and I had difficulty finding it, and we are not sure we were even on the trail.
4. Add some more hiking trails, and/or extend the existing ones.
5. Add a smaller covered open-air structure close to the added playground.

Thanks for taking time to consider these ideas. Feel free to call Ron or Millie at 246-5221.

Respectfully,

Ron Tillotson



From: reubenerickson

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2006 4:34 PM

To: Jennifer Scanland

Subject: Dayton State Park Development

Heard your nice presentation today at Dayton Hist. Society meeting. Let me offer my inputs while they are still hot on my mind.

I really like the idea of a NV Gold Discovery Tour (just not Gold Rush). The trail from Dayton up to Silver City thru Jhontown would be great. This could start from near the Rock Pt Mill. I have driven the one to Silver City from near Old Town Dayton, past the graveyard, to Silver City and really enjoyed it. 4 wheel drive though. I think these trails should be driveable because the trailer house crowd (over 60 with the money) doesn't like to bike and hike much. That should be the first part of the trail developed. Plus the roads could also be used for hiking and bikes.

The partial reconstruction of the Rock Point Mill so that it becomes a tourist attraction by itself is another top of the list item. Every day people are stopping there now but it is difficult to fully appreciate how it functioned. To the person who objected to this quoting the temples in Greece, I would say that it exactly what I was getting at. The temples in Greece (Delphi included) are all partially reconstructed so that one can get the sense of what it was all about. One of the photos on your wall exhibit was close to what I am talking about. At least one stamp plus some other stuff which can be gotten or even made at the Lund Mining antique place in Mound House.

The trailer park with hook-ups is another top row item. I think it is imperative to go with the above.

The trail to Ft Churchill can be interesting. The old ore trail from VC down to Washoe would be another. All these were roads now or once and I would love to drive them.

Re-doing a few historic buildings in downtown Dayton might be of interest. There is some flavor there that should be preserved.

The amphitheater and horse corrals, etc. do not interest me. I wonder how much these would be used. I doubt that the horse unloading area at Ft Churchill is much used. But it would not be expensive. Who would be presenting at the amphitheater? On a regular basis?

My idea of who to talk to in Dayton to get the straight skinny on historical landmarks, etc. are the long term residents: Ray Walmsley

Del Minor
Bob Foster
Laura Tennant
Grace Ricci

While they are still with us...

This is a personal input,

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